

the changes we made, the permanence of correction to injustice.

So I am very pleased that in just a few minutes, we will act as a body to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act. We owe it to the memories of those who fought before us—and we owe it to our future, a future when equality is a reality in our hearts and minds and not just the law—to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act.

I hope my colleagues will join me in voting for this critical legislation because in the 41 years since it became law, we have seen tremendous progress, and now it is time to ensure that the progress continues, that we protect the civil liberties of each and every American.

Mr. President, I yield back all our time.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, is there still time available on this side?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired.

Mr. LEAHY. The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill (H.R. 9) was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass? On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. The following Senators were necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) would have voted "yea."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORNYN). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 212 Leg.]

YEAS—98

Akaka	DeMint	Leahy
Alexander	DeWine	Levin
Allard	Dodd	Lieberman
Allen	Dole	Lincoln
Baucus	Domenici	Lott
Bayh	Dorgan	Lugar
Bennett	Durbin	Martinez
Biden	Ensign	McCain
Bingaman	Feingold	McConnell
Bond	Feinstein	Menendez
Boxer	Frist	Mikulski
Brownback	Graham	Murkowski
Bunning	Grassley	Murray
Burns	Gregg	Nelson (FL)
Burr	Hagel	Nelson (NE)
Byrd	Harkin	Obama
Cantwell	Hatch	Pryor
Carper	Hutchison	Reed
Chafee	Inhofe	Reid
Chambliss	Inouye	Roberts
Clinton	Isakson	Rockefeller
Coburn	Jeffords	Salazar
Cochran	Johnson	Santorum
Coleman	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Collins	Kerry	Schumer
Conrad	Kohl	Sessions
Cornyn	Kyl	Shelby
Craig	Landrieu	Smith
Dayton	Lautenberg	Snowe

Specter	Talent	Voinovich
Stabenow	Thomas	Warner
Stevens	Thune	Wyden
Sununu	Vitter	

NOT VOTING—2

Crapo Enzi

The bill (H.R. 9) was passed.

Mr. FRIST. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. REID. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. For the information of our colleagues, the Democratic leader and I have been in discussion. Let me briefly outline what the plans for tonight will be and tomorrow. Most importantly for my colleagues, there will be no more rollcall votes tonight or tomorrow. We will probably see a lot of Members leave the room.

We will turn within a couple of minutes to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, a very important bill that we will spend approximately 2 hours on tonight. Following that, we will have debate on two circuit judges and two district judges. We will be voting on the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act tonight by voice vote and all four of those judges by voice tonight.

We will be in tomorrow. We will have no rollcall votes tomorrow. I will have an announcement later tonight or possibly tomorrow on what the schedule will be on Monday in terms of votes on Monday, if we will have a vote or not. Debate tomorrow will be, in all likelihood, on the Child Custody Protection Act, plus we will have a period of morning business for other matters.

With that, we will be able to turn to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act which we will be passing in about 2 hours.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT OF 2006

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4472, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4472) to protect children, to secure the safety of judges, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and their family members, to reduce and prevent gang violence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4686

(Purpose: In the Nature of a substitute)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORNYN). Under the previous order, the Hatch amendment at the desk is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4686) was agreed to, as follows:

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah is recognized.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for granting unanimous consent to pass the most comprehensive child crimes and protection bill in our Nation's history—H.R. 4472, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

This bill started in the House of Representatives by a courageous and ambitious Congressman from Florida, MARK FOLEY. MARK is with us in the Senate Chamber today, and I want to thank him, again, for getting this ball rolling and for fighting like a champion on behalf of our children. I appreciate his tenacity and enthusiasm—we would not be here without his devotion and hard work.

I also thank Senator BIDEN, who joined me in sponsoring the original Senate version of this bill. Senator BIDEN and I have worked together on so many bills, none more important than what we are accomplishing today for our children. Senators FRIST, SPECTER, and REID thank you for making this bill priority and for getting this bill through.

The bill we are about to pass, the Adam Walsh Child Safety and Protection Act, represents a collaboration between the House and Senate to include the strong provisions of S. 1086, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, and H.R. 4472, The Child Safety Act. It creates a National Sex Offender Registry with uniform standards for the registration of sex offenders, including a lifetime registration requirement for the most serious offenders. This is critical to sew together the patch-work quilt of 50 different State attempts to identify and keep track of sex offenders.

The Adam Walsh Act establishes strong Federal penalties for sex offenders who fail to register, or fail to update their information, including up to 10 years in prison for non-compliance.

The Adam Walsh Act imposes tough penalties for the most serious crimes against children, including a 30 year mandatory penalty for raping a child and no less than 10 years in prison for a sex trafficking offense. In fact, this bill creates a series of assured penalties for crimes of violence against children, including penalties for murder, kidnapping, maiming, and using a dangerous weapon against a child. And the bill allows for the death penalty in the most serious cases of child abuse, including the murder of a child in sexual exploitation and kidnapping offenses.

The bottom line here is that sex offenders have run rampant in this country and now Congress and the people are ready to respond with legislation that will curtail the ability of sex offenders to operate freely. It is our hope that programs like NBC Dateline's "To Catch a Predator" series will no longer have enough material to fill an hour or even a minute. Now, it seems, they can go to any city in this country and catch dozens of predators willing to go on-line to hunt children.